

# The Bloomfield Record.

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## Bloomfield's Public Hall.

The outside masonry of this fine building is now completed and Mr. Mott, the contracting carpenter, has begun the work of putting on the roof. It is believed that the work will be completed before severe winter weather sets in. The available subscriptions to the capital stock of the enterprise will enable the Directors to pay for the work under contract, which covers the enclosure of the structure. A loan of \$10,000 could easily be obtained, which would finish the building. The Directors, however, are not in favor of this financial plan, involving, as it might, the sacrifice of the subscriptions already paid in, and the passage of the title of the property into unknown private hands. They want the ownership and control to remain exclusively with the contributors. Therefore their plan is to appeal to the people of Bloomfield to come forward with sufficient subscriptions to secure the building to Bloomfield. It has been decided to go no further with the work than the funds subscribed will permit. Therefore, unless the amount necessary to complete the hall is subscribed and paid within a short time, work on the building will cease after the same is enclosed, and its resumption will depend upon the contingency we have named.

Such is the information given us by Director Randolph, in regard to the status and prospects of an enterprise which is certainly an important one in the history of Bloomfield. While some might be disposed to criticize the course of the directors in beginning to build before they were sure they were able to finish, yet all ought to commend the wisdom of the recently matured plan, which is certainly best under the circumstances. We are disposed to say "well done," gentlemen, for giving us even a part of the building we so greatly need in this town. As far as the project has been pushed forward, it reflects much credit upon the enterprise of the directors, as well as the liberality of those who have enrolled themselves as members of the association. Nor should we omit to accord praise to Contractor Regan and Superintendent Cadmus. Their work is in all respects creditable.

## Joseph Dodd.

Died, in Jersey City, November 29th, 1874, Joseph Dodd, aged 84 years.

Mr. Dodd was born Sept. 12th, 1790, in Bloomfield, N. J., where he passed his boyhood until he reached the age of about fourteen, when he removed to Jersey City. Here he began learning the carriage making business, but when quite a young man became identified with the New York Post Office Department. About the year 1814 his brother-in-law, Mr. Moore, who had the contract for conveying the Southern and Western mail from the New York Post Office across the Hudson river to the terminus of the mail-coach route in Jersey City, being in poor health, delegated the work to his friend Mr. Dodd, which was the beginning of his connection with the Post Office, and which continued, uninterrupted, during his life-time. Upon the death of Mr. Moore, Mr. Dodd himself received the contract. The manner in which this part of the postal business was conducted under charge of young Col. Dodd, as he was called from his connection with the militia at that time, is vividly within the memory of his brother, Mr. Z. B. Dodd, of Bloomfield, who used frequently to visit him in Jersey City. A single leather bag, was then sufficient to contain the entire mail passing South and West. It was Col. Dodd's habit to have a small row-boat in which to make the transit, and on each side wheelbarrows, which, when not in use, were secured at the ferry-places by chains and padlocks. A short distance intervened between the New Jersey landing and the Inn which was the station of the mail coach. On the other side, the distance was about half a mile, from the foot of Liberty street to the Post Office, which was then on the corner of William and Garden street (now Exchange Place). In the winter, when the river was blocked with ice, these trips were often attended with great peril, but the Colonel never failed to cross. On one of his passages he was carried by the ice almost to Sandy Hook, and was twenty-four hours in working his way back. In 1816 he became regularly commissioned as an attaché of the Post Office, although, as stated, his connection with the department began several years earlier. The Post Master at that time was General Bailey, who was one of Washington's officers, and who lived in the upper part of the office with his family, the building being a plain two-story structure. Such was the earlier history of the metropolitan Post Office, before the era of steam ferry-boats. Now several teams are required to transport the mail across on the boats.

In 1825 a building in Exchange Place was used for a Post Office, and eight clerks were employed. Colonel Dodd, during his veteran service, was under twelve post masters, among whom were Robert H. Morris, Gov. Dix, and W. B. Taylor, the latter having been his fellow clerk. Four or five years ago he was still on active duty, notwithstanding the infirmities of age. In respectful consideration for his faithful, long-continued service, he has always been held in much esteem by his associates. His

photograph is on the walls in the Post-master's private room. The government retained him for honorable service in the past, and of late years his name was on a pay-roll of over a thousand names, conspicuous as the only one from whom service was not exacted "as nominated in the bond."

It was his habit, up to May, 1873, to visit the Post Office monthly to draw his salary. From that time his visits ceased.

When ground was broken for the new Post Office in the City Hall Park, the veteran Col. Dodd, then nearly 80 years old, was accorded the honorable post of removing the first shovel-full of earth. He witnessed the laying of the foundations of the gigantic building in June 1869, and when the ceremony was finished he observed: "Now let me live to see this building completed, and I will be contented."

Col. Dodd's funeral took place in Jersey City on Wednesday, and was largely attended. Besides his relations from Bloomfield and elsewhere, Postmaster James, Assistant Postmaster Pierson, Superintendent Forrester and others of the Department were present. Mr. Forrester is himself a veteran, and the oldest Post-office associate of Col. Dodd. The interment took place yesterday in Bloomfield Cemetery.

## Township Committee Proceedings.

Regular meeting, Friday Nov. 27th. Present Messrs. Beach, Reford, Oakes, Sherman, Van Houten, Potter and Sherman.

A letter was read from G. W. N. Custis, Superintendent of the Montclair Railway, in reply to a communication sent him in reference to bridges. He stated that the company would repair the bridges in the early future.

A complaint was made of the bad condition of Montgomery street, between the canal and Franklin street.

Complaint was also made of the chalking of sidewalks and fences. The proposition to offer a reward of \$25 was favorably considered, but no resolution to that effect was passed.

Mr. Potter, of the Sidewalk Committee, reported that the new plank walk for Bloomfield avenue from Park avenue to the property of Thos. Dodd, had been ordered laid at 25 cts per running foot.

A resolution was passed instructing the Collector to pay to the School Trustees all money due them. Also to appropriate money on hand in payment of the other claims against the township.

The following bills were ordered paid: Montclair Gas and Water Co., for gas, lighting and extinguishing, during months of July, August and September, \$1,453.17.

John G. Keyler, Deed Account, \$42.  
John G. Keyler, Contingent Account, \$6.  
R. N. Dodd, Contingent Account, \$60.  
Moses Davis, Constable, Contingent Account, \$50.

It was ordered to notify the proprietor of the livery stable not to let horses for Constables' use on account of the township.

It was ordered to notify P. McKinney to remove heaps of stones which he had caused to be deposited along Broad street in the vicinity of the Bloomfield Library Building.

A communication from Mr. W. Dodd was read, relating to the Washington avenue widening, in which his acquiescence in said improvement was given, conditionally.

A reply was ordered to be sent, to the effect that the Township Committee were willing that the fence should remain in its present position from the N. & B. Railroad to Mr. Dodd's homestead; but the Committee were unable to enforce any other conditions upon the other property owners. Unless the parties interested in the improvement could agree themselves to widen by dedication, the Township Committee would proceed to widen in accordance with the provisions of the law.

Somebody has sent an anonymous letter to the Newark Advertiser, purporting to come from a burglar, who boastfully states that he has made robbery his vocation from Sept., 1872, until the present time. A long list is given, specifying stores and dwellings entered and robbed, including two in Bloomfield—"a grocery and a drug store." He claims to have secured in the aggregate \$85,942, and to have "cash on hand in bank \$5,153.84." With this sum he proposes now to leave these parts and settle elsewhere in legitimate business. He speaks of heaven as his ultimate destination.

Mr. Jarvis Peloubet, of the organ manufacturing firm of Peloubet, Pelton & Co., goes to Europe by the Inman line to-morrow, accompanied by his son, Master Louis Peloubet. The principal cities of England, France and Germany will be visited by Mr. Peloubet, who goes out on business connected with his firm and expects to be absent until February. May they enjoy a happy journey and a safe return.

The annual meeting of the Citizens' Protective Association of Bloomfield will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12th, 1874, in the lecture room of the Presbyterian church, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and transacting other important business. A full attendance is earnestly requested.

CHARLES H. NASH, Secy.

The first of a course of scientific lectures was delivered before the members of the Mabel Association last Saturday evening, by Mr. H. E. Richards. Force and indestructibility of matter were the principal topics of the lecture. These were illustrated by a number of chemical and electrical experiments.

Rev. A. H. Bradford, at the invitation of many citizens of Montclair, delivered a course of four lectures in the Congregational church, on Tuesday evenings, of each week. The first of the series was announced for Dec. 1st.

There will be a meeting of the Euclean Society on Monday evening, December 7th. An interesting programme has been arranged and the public are invited to be present.

The Road Board have suspended operations for the season on Ridgewood avenue.

## Christmas Specialties.

The liberality with which HARGER & Co. are advertising their extensive Jewelry and Silver-ware business in the Newark and suburban papers, we confidently believe, conclusive proof that they have entered upon the holiday campaign with that earnestness and enterprise which merit and will receive its reward in liberal patronage.

ISAGALLS & Co. have also sent us, for the first time, their advertising, and we take pleasure in bespeaking for their elegant store a goodly share of the Bloomfield and Montclair trade in Books and Stationery.

HARNE & Co. also have a new advertisement, and are fully prepared to supply almost everything in the line of Christmas presents for the little folks and those, also, of a larger growth.

We shall publish a Holiday Directory complete as soon as it can be arranged.

## Justice's Court.

Wm. Hall, colored, arrested by Constable Davis, charged with larceny. Committed for trial.

John Dennis, arrested by Constable Davis for horse-stealing, was committed for trial.

Michael Ward and John Dugan, assault on Louis Schamp. Committed for trial.

The Bloomfield Sunday School Teachers' Association will hold its regular monthly meeting in Westminster Church on Wednesday evening next, the 9th inst., at 7.45 o'clock. Prof. W. F. Sherman will be present and will speak on Sunday School Music. There will also be singing. A very interesting time is expected.

Mr. Reford has had his house on Midland avenue newly painted. The shades are rich and warm—a corn-color with brown trimming. The work is that of Mr. D. W. Smith, the Bloomfield painter, and in all respects sustains the reputation he has made in his line of business.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Potter surprised them on the thirty-fifth anniversary of their marriage by a social visit last Tuesday night, which, as such events, always are, was a very pleasant and memorable occasion.

Unexpected demands on our space for holiday advertising obliges us to defer until next week a leading article on "Young Peoples' House-keeping." We expect to enlarge THE RECORD after six weeks from this date.

The Messrs. Brown are putting up a building on Broad street, near Bellevue avenue, where they will establish a meat market for the convenience of residents in that vicinity.

Carpenters are busy at the Broad street bridge of the Midland Railway, building the platforms and stairways for the depot which is to be established at this point.

## Died.

FRIEDMAN.—In Bloomfield, Nov. 30th, Arthur M., son of Charles P. Friedman, aged 3 years and 2 months.

BOYD.—In Bloomfield, December 2d, John P., son of John and Margaret Boyd, aged 2 years and 8 months.

WARDWELL.—In Montclair, Nov. 29th, George S. Wardwell, aged 79 years and 10 months.

Important.—As the holidays are approaching, we would advise our readers to pay a visit to the extensive establishment of Hahne & Co. (formerly Hahne & Block), No. 643 Broad street, before purchasing in New York. Hahne & Co. have undoubtedly the largest and cheapest stock of toys and fancy articles, suitable for holiday presents, in the State, and parties would save time and money by purchasing of them in preference to the same class of houses in New York. Dolls and doll-heads in great variety from 1 cent to \$25, &c., &c.

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Brown Kerseys, Velvet Finish,	10.
Black Moscows, New Cuts,	12.
Worsted Twilled, Very Elegant,	14.
Ederdon Beaver, Brown and Olive,	15.
Eskemo Beaver, Double Lap Seams,	15.
English Castors, Very Durable,	16.
Fur Beaver, All Extras,	18.
Corded Furs, Very Stylish,	20.
Diamond Furs, New and Knobby,	22.
French Furs, Finest Imported,	24 to 30.
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